

## 2018 Current Fiscal Year Report: Arizona Resource Advisory Council

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### 1. Department or Agency

Department of the Interior

### 2. Fiscal Year

2018

### 3. Committee or Subcommittee

Arizona Resource Advisory Council

### 3b. GSA Committee No.

2051

### 4. Is this New During Fiscal Year?

No

### 5. Current Charter

03/05/2018

### 6. Expected Renewal Date

03/05/2020

### 7. Expected Term Date

### 8a. Was Terminated During Fiscal Year?

No

### 8b. Specific Termination Authority

### 8c. Actual Term Date

### 9. Agency Recommendation for Next Fiscal Year

Continue

### 10a. Legislation Req to Terminate?

Not Applicable

### 10b. Legislation Pending?

Not Applicable

### 11. Establishment Authority Statutory (Congress Created)

### 12. Specific Establishment Authority

Federal Land Policy and Management Act, Sec. 309

### 13. Effective Date

10/21/1976

### 14. Committee Type

Continuing

### 14c. Presidential?

No

### 15. Description of Committee Non Scientific Program Advisory Board

### 16a. Total Number of Reports

No Reports for this Fiscal Year

### 17a. Open 0 17b. Closed 0 17c. Partially Closed 0 Other Activities 0 17d. Total 0 Meetings and Dates

No Meetings

	Current FY	Next FY
18a(1). Personnel Pmts to Non-Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18a(2). Personnel Pmts to Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18a(3). Personnel Pmts to Federal Staff	\$0.00	\$24,000.00
18a(4). Personnel Pmts to Non-Member Consultants	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(1). Travel and Per Diem to Non-Federal Members	\$0.00	\$16,000.00
18b(2). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(3). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Staff	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(4). Travel and Per Diem to Non-member Consultants	\$0.00	\$0.00
18c. Other(rents,user charges, graphics, printing, mail, etc.)	\$0.00	\$1,000.00
18d. Total	\$0.00	\$41,000.00
19. Federal Staff Support Years (FTE)	0.00	0.30

**20a. How does the Committee accomplish its purpose?**

The Arizona Resource Advisory Council (RAC) has worked for the last several years on a number of Bureau of Land Management (BLM) programmatic issues, including ongoing land use planning efforts and associated travel management plans. The RAC also serves as the Recreation Resource Advisory Council (RRAC) and has implemented a process to review and make recommendations to the Designated Federal Official for BLM and the U.S. Forest Service for recreation fee proposals as required by the Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act of 2004.

**20b. How does the Committee balance its membership?**

The Arizona Resource Advisory council is composed of 15 members distributed in a balanced fashion among the following groups and within those groups. Specific interests include: Category I - those holding Federal grazing permits or leases, interests associated with transportation or rights-of-way, developed outdoor recreation, OHV users, or commercial recreation activities, commercial timber industry, or energy and mineral development. Category II - nationally or regionally recognized environmental organizations, dispersed recreation activities, archaeological and historical interests, or nationally or regionally recognized wild horse and burro interest groups. Category III - state, county, or locally elected office-holders, employee of a State agency responsible for the management of natural resources, Indian Tribes within or adjacent to the area for which the RAC is organized, are employed as academicians in natural resource management or the natural sciences, or represent the public-at-large.

**20c. How frequent and relevant are the Committee Meetings?**

The RAC did not meet in FY18, but the RAC typically meets every four months. Once the new members are appointed, the RAC anticipates resuming this meeting schedule. RAC meetings have generated some positive dialogue on issues concerning local and statewide constituents, including shared conservation stewardship; recreation and public access; support for local economies and jobs; working landscapes; wild horse and burro management; ongoing land use planning efforts in Arizona; the U.S./Mexico border land issues; Arizona water strategy; energy projects; and travel management planning. The meetings continue to provide the RAC and public participants with current information on BLM programs and policies, including the implementation of the new administration priorities.

**20d. Why can't the advice or information this committee provides be obtained elsewhere?**

The purpose of the RAC is to enable Arizona citizens to have a meaningful say in how

public lands are managed for multiple use. The RAC provides advice on a broad array of resource, economic and social issues that confront land managers and local communities. The local stakeholders provide important perspective on how public lands can be best managed for the benefit of the American people.

## **20e. Why is it necessary to close and/or partially closed committee meetings?**

All meetings are open to the public. Notices of the meetings are published in the Federal Register, posted on the BLM Arizona public website and social media sites and distributed to local media statewide.

## **21. Remarks**

The RAC did not meet in FY18.

## **Designated Federal Officer**

Raymond M Suazo BLM Arizona State Director

<b>Committee Members</b>	<b>Start</b>	<b>End</b>	<b>Occupation</b>	<b>Member Designation</b>
Brake, Leland (Bill)	01/17/2017	01/17/2020	Federal Grazing Permittee - Ranch Owner	Representative Member
Hulen, Thomas	01/08/2016	01/08/2019	Natural Resources/AZ Heritage Alliance, Sierra Club	Representative Member
Marsh, Stuart	01/08/2016	01/08/2019	Professor, Univ of Arizona	Representative Member
Quigley, Michael	01/17/2017	01/17/2020	Arizona Representative, The Wilderness Society	Representative Member
Sacher, Maggie	01/08/2016	01/08/2019	Owner of Lees Ferry Lodge/Vermilion Cliffs	Representative Member
Sanders, John	01/08/2016	01/08/2019	Retired civil engineer; President, Bouse OHV Club	Representative Member
Sturgill, Emmett	01/17/2017	01/17/2020	Federal Grazing Permittee	Representative Member
Torrens, Sharma	01/17/2017	01/17/2020	Environmental Attorney	Representative Member
Trussell, Stephen	01/08/2016	01/08/2019	Arizona Rock Products Association	Representative Member
Williams, Stephen	01/17/2017	01/17/2020	Retired	Representative Member

**Number of Committee Members Listed: 10**

## **Narrative Description**

The Arizona Resource Advisory Council (RAC) is a collaborative partner with the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) to provide advice on its multiple use resource programs on Arizona public lands from a stakeholder, environmental, and industry perspective. The RAC is very involved in helping the BLM meet its strategic goals of resource protection, resource use, recreation, and serving communities. The RAC has contributed its leadership and expertise in several priority areas of BLM-Arizona's public land management, including the implementation of the Standards for Rangeland Health and Guidelines for Livestock Grazing Administration, developing land use and travel management plans, promoting recreational opportunities, providing advice on access and off-highway vehicle use issues and resolutions, and providing advice on BLM-Arizona strategies for renewable energy development, water, WH&B, the National Landscape

Conservation System, and border security.

**What are the most significant program outcomes associated with this committee?**

Checked if Applies

- |   |                                     |
|---|-------------------------------------|
| Improvements to health or safety                  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Trust in government                               | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Major policy changes                              | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Advance in scientific research                    | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| Effective grant making                            | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| Improved service delivery                         | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| Increased customer satisfaction                   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Implementation of laws or regulatory requirements | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Other   | <input type="checkbox"/>            |

**Outcome Comments**

The BLM-Arizona Resource Advisory Council (RAC) and Recreation RAC provide the Designated Federal Officer advice and recommendations on a number of program and project-specific management actions and issues. They have assisted BLM-Arizona with the development of program strategies that promote effective natural resource management under the context of the Bureau of Land Management's (BLM) multiple use mission and legal and budget restraints. These include strategies for Arizona water, border, tribal, recreation, energy, partnerships, volunteers, and the National Landscape Conservation System.

**What are the cost savings associated with this committee?**

Checked if Applies

- |                            |                                     |
|----------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| None                       | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| Unable to Determine        | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Under \$100,000            | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| \$100,000 - \$500,000      | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| \$500,001 - \$1,000,000    | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| \$1,000,001 - \$5,000,000  | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| \$5,000,001 - \$10,000,000 | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| Over \$10,000,000          | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| Cost Savings Other         | <input type="checkbox"/>            |

**Cost Savings Comments**

Although there is an associated cost of travel and per diem reimbursements for most RAC members, as well as the cost of federal employee support of the RAC, the wealth of

knowledge, expertise, and experience they provide is extremely valuable and helpful to the BLM in managing and maintaining the health and productivity of Arizona's public lands and ensuring the bureau remains responsive to citizens.

**What is the approximate Number of recommendations produced by this committee for the life of the committee?**

31

**Number of Recommendations Comments**

There are no recommendations for FY 2018.

**What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Fully implemented by the agency?**

100%

**% of Recommendations Fully Implemented Comments**

All of the RAC's recommendations have been considered by BLM management, especially in the development of the range of alternatives for the on-going planning efforts and the RAC protocol to evaluate the recreation fee sites for the BLM and the U.S. Forest Service. In addition, the BLM has utilized the RAC's recommendations to modify or augment its Arizona strategies for water, renewable resources, the National Landscape Conservation System, border security, tribal relations, and recreation management.

**What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Partially implemented by the agency?**

0%

**% of Recommendations Partially Implemented Comments**

N/A

**Does the agency provide the committee with feedback regarding actions taken to implement recommendations or advice offered?**

Yes ☒ No ☐ Not Applicable ☐

**Agency Feedback Comments**

The BLM-Arizona management team provides the RAC with comprehensive feedback on how it uses the RAC recommendations in its Arizona strategies and specific management actions. The BLM also invites the RAC to get more specifically involved in the implementation phase of resource management plans and/or development of

environmental analyses documents. In addition, the Recreation RAC receives periodic review of recreational fee issues and request for advice before formal fee proposals come to their full RAC meetings.

**What other actions has the agency taken as a result of the committee's advice or recommendation?**

	Checked if Applies
Reorganized Priorities	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Reallocated resources	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Issued new regulation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Proposed legislation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Approved grants or other payments	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Action Comments**

BLM-Arizona managers take RAC feedback into account, especially regarding the use of best practices in natural resource management processes. BLM managers highly regard the RAC's input into land use planning, allocation of resources, setting priorities and decision making in general.

**Is the Committee engaged in the review of applications for grants?**

No

**Grant Review Comments**

N/A

**How is access provided to the information for the Committee's documentation?**

	Checked if Applies
Contact DFO	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Online Agency Web Site	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Online Committee Web Site	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Online GSA FACA Web Site	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Publications	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

**Access Comments**

A webpage is maintained on BLM-Arizona's external homepage, with the RAC and Recreation RAC meeting announcements, minutes, Federal Register Notices, charter, membership makeup, and news releases regarding RAC meetings and call for

nominations to the RAC, recreation RAC protocol, business cycle and meeting minutes, and letters of recommendation.